

sales in excess of the cost of said gas or by-product shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

Exporting helium gas without permission of the President, forbidden.

"SEC. 4. That hereafter no helium gas shall be exported from the United States, or from its possessions, until after application for such exportation has been made to the Secretary of Commerce and permission for said exportation has been obtained from the President of the United States, on the joint recommendation of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce. That any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the Federal courts of the United States are hereby granted jurisdiction to try and determine all questions arising under this section.

Punishment for violations.

Representatives from Army and Navy to cooperate.

"SEC. 5. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may each designate representatives to cooperate with the Department of Commerce in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and shall have complete right of access to plants, data, and accounts."

Approved, March 3, 1927.

March 3, 1927.

[H. R. 15827.]

[Public, No. 759.]

CHAP. 356.—An Act To amend section 2 of an Act entitled "An Act authorizing investigations by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly to determine the location, extent, and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States, and to conduct laboratory tests."

Potash deposits. *Ante*, p. 768, amended. *Ante*, p. 1057.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2, Public, Numbered 424, Sixty-ninth Congress, be amended to read as follows:

Cooperation under formal agreements with individuals, etc.

"SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly are hereby authorized, within their discretion, to cooperate under formal agreement with individuals, associations, corporations, States, and municipalities, educational institutions, or other bodies, for the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That before undertaking drilling operations upon any tract or tracts of land, the mineral deposits of which are not the property of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly shall enter into a contract or contracts with the owners or lessees, or both, of the mineral rights therein, and the aforesaid contract or contracts shall provide, among other things, that, if deposits of potash minerals or oil shall be discovered in pursuance of operations under said contract or contracts and if and when said mineral deposits shall be mined and sold, the owners or lessees, or both, of said mineral rights shall pay to the Government and its cooperators a royalty of not less than 2½ per centum of the sale value of any potash minerals and oil therefrom, said payments to continue until such time as the total amount derived from said royalty is equal to not more than the cost of the exploration, as may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly: *Provided further*, That all Federal claims for reimbursement under this Act shall automatically expire twenty years from the date of approval of the contracts entered into, in accordance with the provisions thereof, unless sooner terminated by agreement between the owners or lessees of the potash mineral rights and oil and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly: *Provided further*, That said contract or contracts shall not restrict the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly in the choice of drilling locations within the

Proviso. Contracts with owners, etc., of tracts, not public lands.

Royalty to the Government on sales of potash and oils therefrom.

Payment to continue until exploration cost met.

Reimbursement claims to expire in 20 years.

No restriction on drilling locations, etc.

property or in the conduct of the exploratory operations, so long as such selection or conduct do not interfere unreasonably with the surface of the land or with the improvements thereof, and said contract or contracts shall provide that the United States shall not be liable for damages on account of such reasonable use of the surface as may be necessary in the proper conduct of the work."

Approved, March 3, 1927.

Conditions.

CHAP. 357.—An Act To authorize the purchase of land for an addition to the United States Indian school farm near Phoenix, Arizona.

March 3, 1927.
[H. R. 15906.]

[Public, No. 760.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase from Anette J. Pearson, for an addition to the United States Indian school farm near Phoenix, Arizona, that portion of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 20, township 2 north, range 3 east, Gila and Salt River Base meridian, south of the Grand Canal, in Maricopa County, Arizona, containing eighteen acres, more or less, subject to the special assessments levied thereon by the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, to secure the payment of certain bonds; and notwithstanding section 355 of the Revised Statutes, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept, as conveying good title to the United States, the deed executed by the said Anette J. Pearson on August 28, 1925.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

Phoenix Indian School, Ariz.
Purchase of land from Anette J. Pearson to add to school farm, authorized.

Title accepted.
R. S., sec. 355, p. 60.

CHAP. 358.—An Act To authorize per capita payments to the Indians of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota.

March 3, 1927.
[H. R. 16212.]

[Public, No. 761.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to make reasonable per capita payments to the Indians of the Cheyenne River Reservation from their tribal funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States under section 6 of the Act of May 29, 1908 (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 463).

Approved, March 3, 1927.

Cheyenne River Reservation S. Dak.
Per capita payment to Indians of, from tribal funds.

Vol. 35, p. 463.

CHAP. 359.—An Act To authorize the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau to make loans to veterans upon the security of adjusted service certificates.

March 3, 1927.
[H. R. 16886.]

[Public, No. 762.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 502 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subdivisions:

"(i) The Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is authorized, through such officers and at such regional offices, sub-offices, and hospitals of the United States Veterans' Bureau as he may designate, and out of the United States Government life insurance fund established by section 17 of the World War Veterans'

World War Adjusted Compensation Act.
Vol. 43, p. 128, amended.

Loan privileges.
Use of life insurance fund allowed for loans on service certificates.

Vol. 43, p. 612.